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The "Living Wage" Fraud caped hard knocks in the past money as a result. mainly because of the clever trickia capitalist as well as a worker.

So long as the "living wage" was of the 5-cent fare. only an abstraction nobody quarits illusory character became mani- ceipt of a substantial income from it. benefit of the public. fest and its self-contradictions began to work mischief. A "living mously in different localities. In the better care at less cost. same surroundings a "living wage" persons dependent on the worker is partments. taken into account.

dream." To introduce it into a by more than one-half. nation-wide industry like railroad- If Governor Smith is elected Tamness. What rigid standard of equal- get.

tion-wide or even regional-as is the case with the railroads it inevitably becomes more than a "living wage." Instead of a minimum the nation's annual income.

other industries, would carry them put out of business. into communistic ruin." Who would pay the \$3,122,000,000 added to rail pay rolls by a surrender to the rate reductions. It wants cheaper rail service. If the Railroad Labor administration's deficits.

just themselves, up or down, to in the old Garibaldian sense. wages in other industries. That is the only fair and reasonable basis though the King embraced the mesof comparison. Meanwhile the Rail- senger he sent to say that the govroad Labor Board has helped the ernment must pass into the hands of cause of economic sanity and of the Fascisti. The new Premier has helpful recovery by laying once for urged violence to overthrow the verall the bothersome phantom of a dict of the last elections. He may or fixed rail "living wage."

Blackjacking the Public

age this winter, the International birth as a nation. Longshoreman's Association an-

Looked at from the selfish point black one. of view of the captains, the time set for the strike-November-is auspicious. The demand for coal at that season will probably be greater this year than ever before, as a consequence of last summer's small coal output. Not only the employers, but also the public, will be more embarrassed by a strike at that time than at any other.

But the public is heartily sick of strikes for which it has to pay in money and discomfort. The time has come to expand the famous phrase of Calvin Coolidge that "there is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time," into the doctrine that there is no right to strike against the public welfare by any group, anywhere, at any time.

## Accomplishment vs. Bluster

When Alfred E. Smith was Governor of New York he attempted to consolidate departments, but gave it up because he could not get through The Railroad Labor Board has a constitutional amendment authordone many public services, but none izing the kind of consolidation he civilized government cannot endure greater than its exposure of that wanted. Governor Miller found a if it winks at violence, no matter smug economic fraud, the "living way to consolidate departments un- how well meant. Governor Allen's wage" theory of compensation for der existing law, and did consolidate whole strike legislation is founded rail workers. This theory has es- them, with a big saving of tax on this solid basis of truth, and by

Governor Smith talked of the he demonstrates afresh that he proneas of the phrase "living wage." traction problem in New York City, ne demonstrates arrest that he pro-Would anybody want to be accused but did nothing to better it or to of paying a "non-living wage" | provide a way of bettering it. Gov-Would any American, in fact, work ernor Miller appointed a Transit for a "non-living wage"? He could Commission which is now executing not do it very long unless he were a plan for necessary unification and extensions-with the maintenance

reled with it. It was economically bringing no profit to the state. Gov- as Mr. Shearn, counsel for the com- vestigation of home conditions and nebulous and innocuous. But when ernor Miller provided for its use, mission, charges, for the benefit of a sensible talk with the offender acand the state will soon be in re- the politicians rather than for the

wage" is beyond practical definition management, and in that condition genuine. But while they are capieither economically or sociologically. they remained during his administration talized by family connections of the fitness for the position for which A dollar has a different value for tration. Governor Miller bettered Mayor and nephews and business she is a candidate. nearly every earner and user. Its the staffs, improved the food and associates of the Tammany Boss, and purchasing power also varies enor- found a means to give the patients Tammany officeholders in the Bronx,

Governor Smith, in the interest of far more than they are worth.

Governor Smith approved a law The money that goes into the In ordinary industry a fixed "liv- authorizing a small advance in the pockets of these worthies comes out ing wage" standard is what the now salaries of school teachers. Gov- of the pockets of the taxpayers. almost forgotten John J. Ingails ernor Miller secured the passage of And so long as the Board of Estiwould have called an "iridescent a measure increasing this advance mate can make appropriations for

ing, where the working classifica- many Hall will be secure in its grip shown that conditions are even tions are so diverse and the living upon New York City and uninter- worse than anybody suspected. It conditions of the workers are so rupted in its plan to add eleven is evident that Mr. Hylan means to variegated, is pure economic mad. million dollars annually to the bud- do nothing to better them. But

who has to meet the high cost of living in a big city and an employee who benefits from the low cost of existence in a way station hamlet?

If a classified wage must be nation-wide or even regional—as is the low cost of the building of new subways.

Commit do it.

New York City, put an end to what has been going on in the bus lines, and quell the senseless opposition to the building of new subways.

A Black-Shirted Garibaldi measure it tends to become a maxi- day of the change of ministers in portance to New Yorkers. It, in mum measure. It is recklessly in- Great Britain that the politicians of effect, extended the operation of rent flated by sociologists who are more western Europe worked in shifts, laws to all tenants, regardless of the interested in the outflow of wages one shift relieving the other when date on which they obtained possesthan in the output of the labor the latter was tired out and needed sion. Up to now the decision in the which the wages pay for. No mini- a vacation. He hardly will extend Farnham case has been followed in mum "living wage" scale has yet that pleasantry to cover Italy, where all the local courts. It held that the been suggested by these experts the Fascisti have come into power exemptions from dispossession and which, if applied to all workers, through a bloodless revolution. The other rights conferred on tenants would not eat up much more than Communist party in the Chamber of applied only to those in possession This fraudulent "living wage" It has had the discretion to disband. hold-overs were set apart in a spestandard, as the Labor Board says. Its members will resign. Meanwhile cial class, which could not be in-the Communist and Radical Social-creased and which has been steadily United States, and, if extended to ist newspapers in Rome are being diminishing.

to rail pay rolls by a surrender to the small a representation in the Italian judges who passed on the Farnham workers and the Plumb plan adworkers and the Plumb plan advisers? The public is clamoring for Frees" have in the House of Comcourt's view, widened the scope of Sir: According to articles Board increased wages and the In-Board increased wages and the Interestate Commerce Commission silenters the roads. He believes that a majority of the strengthened if relieved of the last little in the facts to warrant ownership and the \$3,122,000,000 not fight his army and that the poliquestion of extension he said: would have to be met out of the ticians in Rome are afraid to chal-Federal Treasury, just as Mr. Mc- lenge him. He expects to see Italy purge herself of the impurities of Railroad wages are still above ism and Nittlism and become again normal. They will eventually read-vigorously patriotic and nationalistic

Mussolini is a revolutionist, almay not use repression to influence the next verdict. At present he is a dictator, who has come to Rome to Just as the evil consequences of call on the country to awaken from the coal strike are beginning to the pacifism, defeatism and lethargy wane and there is good prospect that of the neo-Giolittian regime and to there will be no serious ccal short- remember the glories of Italy's re-

The Fascisti movement is-in es- level of city rents. They have had nounces that a strike of the cap- sentials-a reaction against degen- the movers and the newcomers to tains of tidewater coal and grain eration through Socialistic interna- work on without restraint. Figures

When Henry Goes to War Those Eastern critics of Governor and old tenants alike have the right Allen of Kansas who have been wondering what he would do about the a court. Ku-Klux Klan have now their answer. "Behave or get out!" is the sum and substance of his utterother violent activities of these

direct-action gentlemen. In short, when Governor Allen What the Children's Court Needs fights he fights, and his spear knows There are many reasons why Miss neither friend, nor clan, nor brother. Ruth Taylor should be elected judge In that racy episode of Will White's of the Children's Court in Westposter, more or less sympathizing chester County, but the most conwith the striking shopmen, Henry vincing is the fact that for the last treated his best friend exactly as if ten years she has devoted her life to he had been a stranger or a hated welfare work, and particularly to enemy. The law being what it was, the care and cure of delinquent sure. Archy seems to have worked he went right after the editor and children. proprietor of "The Emporia Gazette" and brought the offending poster down.

The Ku-Klux Klan is powerful in Kansas. Also, no doubt, its motives are often patriotic and right. So were Will White's motives. But a his action toward the Ku-Klux Klan ter whom it hits.

### Busses for Politicians

Regardless of further disclosures that may be made concerning the city bus lines by the Transit Com-Governor Smith allowed the water mission investigation, it is clear have specialized in the work of chil- place in his propaganda. power on the canals to go to waste, that the whole system has been used, dren's courts. In most cases an in-

Governor Smith found state insti- As Mr. Shearn asserts, the need tutions in a condition of chaotic mis- of flexible crosstown bus lines is fore, deserves support regardless of the busses will cost the taxpayers

for one workman might mean either what was called retrenchment, made While the city has been pouring affluence or indigence for another. small appropriations for canal ter- money into the bus lines by the In a hundred different places there minals and the vehicular tunnel to bucketful the five-cent fare is, of would be a hundred "living wage" New Jersey. Governor Miller in- course, fictitious. The nickel that standards for a hundred different creased these appropriations without the passenger pays is not enough individuals. And the fluctuating qual- any extra cost to the taxpayers, for the politician who operates the ity of these standards is further their money being saved by check- lines under a dummy ownership or accentuated when the number of ing waste in the various state de- charges exorbitant rates for garage hire.

busses the taxpayer has no defense. The Transit Commission has they must be bettered, even if it ity can be set up for the employee who has to meet the high cost of

Broadening the Rent Laws zansky, sitting in the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court of the 2d Department, handed down last Satur-Lenine said scornfully the other day a rent law decision of great im-Deputies read the signs of the times. in September, 1920. These 1920

Justice Cropsey's opinion cites the Mussolini is not playing relief for fact that certain amendments to the Giolitti or any of the latter's pup- rent laws were made too late in point pets. The Fascisti have about as of time for consideration by the mons. But they have taken over the the law and seemed to suggest that government through a display of or- it should be applied without any dispeople are behind him. He has dem- charge of protecting only one dimin- such a belief. onstrated that the regular army will ishing class of tenants. On the

"It may be that the greatest need as tenants who were more fortunate Miller. and who were not required to leave their old dwellings."

This decision will make it much more difficult for landlerds to pursue their present policy of boosting the

wages. Such a strike would se- are tonic. Garibaldi won freedom have risen steadily above the normal. riously interfere with the movement in a red shirt. Mussolini is fighting In December, 1918, the excess was for normalcy and Italianism in a only 6.5 per cent. New it is 56.2 per cent. The pressure for increases has not been checked by new building. But it will be checked if new

to submit rentals to the judgment of

The Cropsey cision, if sustained higher up, will also have the effect of vastly increasing the demand for an ance upon the horsewhippings and extension of the rent laws beyond February, 1924.

sesses. She has had no legal training, it is true, but her welfare work has made her familiar with the laws she has made a special study.

child and one-tenth with the tech- him; we have been generous. nicalities of the law. This has complishes more than can the heaviest hand of the law.

Miss Taylor's candidacy, there-

More Truth Than Poetry By James J. Montague

As to the Bee I know the little busy bee Improves each shining hour By bringing honey home which

Will not himself devour.

I know he goes on weary flights To gather grand collations Which will allay the appetites Of other generations.

A hunk of pollen now and then Is all he has to feed him; The honey's served in winter,

The younger bees succeed him. For months they'll feed around the hive— His relatives and neighbors—

But he, alas! won't be alive To profit by his labors.

The busy bee is often praised, We're bade to imitate him; Full many a poet's voice is raised In songs to adulate him. We're told the wasteful ways of

men Beneath our feet to trample, And to observe the bee, and then To follow his example.

But vainly do these poets ask Of us our admiration; The creature's labors are a task Of supererogation.
His industry is most intense.

As we have often stated, But we are sure his common Is vastly overrated!

Belated Discovery The only thing startling in the former Kaiser's memoirs was a sort of half-way admission that Germany

didn't altogether win the war. Just As Well Lloyd George probably isn't wor-

rying about losing his job. He needed a little time off to write a book, anyway. Not Perceptible to the Eye

Among the present discoveries credited to the microscope is a slight decline in the cost of food. (Copyright by James J. Montague)

Democratic Votes for Miller

Sir: According to articles in the

That Mr. Smith was a popular Governor and that he will poll a heavy vote are undeniable. But Governor of the statutes originally was to pro- Miller has proved himself a strong and tect tenants who were in possession. fearless executive and has met the But if they needed protection there various state problems with firmness was then and is now need of protect- and a statesman's attitude. His ading tenants who were not and are ministration is referred to by intellinot in possession. Especially is there gent and unbiased people as belonging need of protecting those (many thou- in the same category with those of sands of whom there must be) who Cleveland, Roosevelt and Hughes. It were then in possession, but who have surely has been the cleanest, most since been obliged to vacate for one businesslike and most progressive in the of the reasons which the housing laws last decade. As an independent Demomake the basis of a dispossess at the crat I shall support him. Nor will I end of a term. Those tenants have be alone, for from many sections of been compelled to give up possession this city and of the state reports have and to seek new quarters under new come which convince me that I shall landlords. There is no reason why be but one of a sufficient number of they should not be protected the same Democrats to re-elect Governor GEORGE W. VAN VLECK.

Brocklyn, Oct. 28, 1922.

(From The Memphis Commercial Appeal) The Greek revolutionary committee is trying to fix responsibility for the total and scows is threatened un-less the employers agree to increase ods, but the alms which it professes of Labor show that rents in this city with it. disaster in Asia Minor. We may be wrong, but from here it looks as if

The Tower Copr., New York Tribune Inc., 1922

A Communication From Archy thank you boss for putting me into brevier type instead of nonpareil or minion i regard it as a raise in salary and will work on in contentment henceforth and say nothing about food or clothing this winter i will get through somehow as i have got through other winters you certainly know how vanity of the artist your faithful little

The compromise indicated above The work of a judge of the Chil- extent that he has partially underdren's Court does not require extensive legal knowledge. Rather does insect perish in obscurity before we it call for human understanding and granted him a single concession. His an intimate experience of child psymention of food and clothing is not chology. These Miss Taylor pos- only hokum sentimentality, but it is pertaining to children, and of this Coolidge" in our library, and we particular branch of the state code have told him repeatedly that when he gets through with those books he can begin on Joseph Tumulty's In the final analysis, however, this recollections of the part that Mr. learning will probably stand her in Wilson played during Joe's adminisless stead than her own experience, tration. Besides this, if he wishes As she herself has said, the work of variation in his diet, he has access such a court is concerned nine-tenths noems sent to us by our contributors. with the human problems of the We have been more than just with

The broad-minded publicity agent been the experience of Judge Ben does not hesitate to promulgate the Lindsey, of Denver, and others who

#### OUR OWN WALL MOTTOES

GIVE ME RUM AND GIVE ME REST! THAT IS ALL I ASK OF LIFE! THOSE WHO THINK THAT WORK IS BEST ARE WELCOME TO THE TOIL AND STRIFE. GIVE ME REST AND GIVE ME RUM,

A PIPE, AND TIME TO GO A-FISHIN', I'LL ENTERTAIN THE DREAMS THAT COME, AND MURMUR: "DEVIL TAKE AMBITION!" 

Perhaps among those present at just the same.
the former Kaiser's wedding will be We are goin the ghost of Edith Cavell.

formly for the benefit of the United

Jenny the Mule seems to have been the only detective in that New Jersey murder case with half horse

MUSINGS OF THE OLD SOAK

I never set out to get drunk in my life afore that Eighteenth Amendment come. It used to jist happen to me. Now when I ke a coupla drinks of Home Brew or Bootlegger's Pride I never can tell what's gonna happen to me.

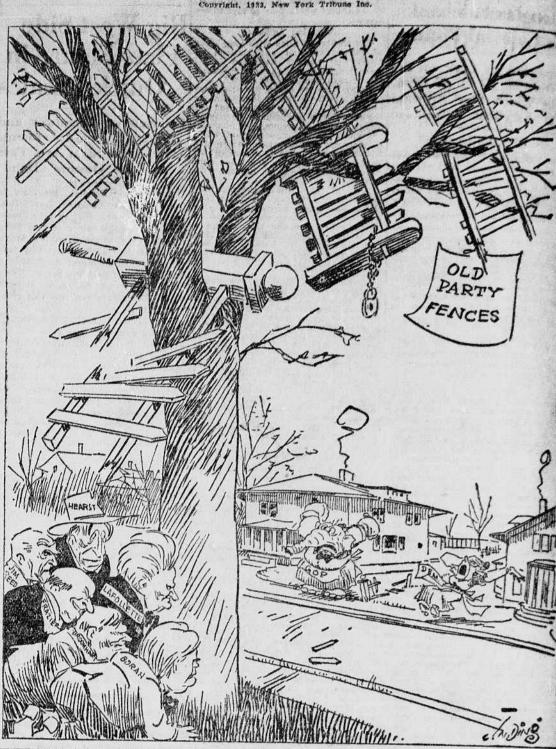
Prohibition is breakin' up the sanctimony of the American Home. It keeps liquor right un-der the noses of the children all the time, instead of into the barroom where it oughter be. No kid should be allowed to drink liquor afore he is eleven or twelve years old, and then he orter be started on soft drinks like wine an' beer. But with hard stuff around the house all the time, and their Dad drinkin' it, how is the kids gonna escape evil influences? I guess these here Prohibitionists won't feel so smart when the next war comes an' they find out that the next generation of posterity is weaklings jist because they was learned to drink too young by liquor bein in the home.

If you're a settin' down all alone with a bottle o' whisky, like you mostly do nowadays, you're likely to drink too much of it. Because you get to thinkin' of all your old friends, and you take a drink for your-self, and you take a drink for one of them friends, and you take another drink for yourself, and you take a drink for another of them old friends, and the first thing you know your feet has got plumb incompatible with each other. But if all them old friends was standin' by the bar alongside of you, like it used to be in the old days, they would speak for their-selves, and you'd only get drunk onc't a day, instead of two or three times.

When a man's drinkin' he wants to tell his troubles to some other man, and the other man says: "Oh, hell, cheer up! Have one with me! You ain't got no troubles!" And pretty soon you ain't. But drinkin' at home you don't get drawed toward tellin' your troubles to your wife. In the first place, she's got more'n you have, and in the second place she's always got the idea you ought to be workin' at somethin', and in the third place women gets the idea that troubles comes from drink-in', instead of drinkin' bein' the result of havin' troubles. I got liquor, but what I need is en-

Bartenders is changed since Prohibition come. They used to be friends. But now they are all business men. DON MARQUIS.

IF THIS KEEPS UP PEOPLE WON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR FENCES ARE AT ALL



Books and So Forth - - By Frederic F. Van de Water

books, but we suppose the tides | Olympians. flow with their accustomed regularity comfortable majority who have ac-

mention its presence or not. We are going to write about books when we can't think of anything pronounces her name. else to write about. In this we are guin on a bet without the aid of a middle-grade moron and that the measurement whose names need not be mentioned to this enlightened audience have been making a living by doing just this for years past. They have been writing of books when they couldn't think of anything else to write about, brilliant in the glare of the self-directed limelight; awe inspiring in the long thunder of legs rolling hither and yon.

Are we going to join that august society of the omniscient? Are we going to add our penny trumpet to that strangely arranged chorus of praise, each member assiduously blowing another member's horn? We are not.

Actually, it is a confession of in- boast. admission to the noble army of critics. great and that Conrad isn't.

of human affairs will ebb and We belong to that great and un-

We are going to write about books don't know a thing about art and are smut. We don't see any reason why three times a week; not that we care not at all certain what they should it should have been suppressed e Says Lloyd George in one of his specially about books, but merely to like. From this lamentable state we either count. specches: "Working with the United States ought to be one of the chief purposes of any government." We wish we could get a United States government that would work uniformly for the benefit of the United States and feel stage frightness of states of the United States government that would work uniformly for the benefit of the United States and feel stage frightness are to be said to said the United States and feel stage frightness and feel stage frightness are to said the United States and feel stage frightness are said to said the United States and feel stage frightness are said to said the United States and feel stage frightness are said to said the United States and feel stage frightness are said to said the United States and said to said the United States are said to said the United States and said the United States are said to said the United States are said to said the United States and said the United States are said to said the United States and feel stage frightened and awkward, tude toward literature. Maybe the we will find the vast and continually word we are after is "honest." growing coral reef of literature be- That sounds swashbuckling and in-

neath our feet, waiting patiently for dependent. Actually, it isn't either one. verse get away with their stuff because discussion by us. Its solidity will It's only a frank admission of our disstrengthen and sustain us, whether we qualifications. Consider them.

don't even know whether or how she it, anyhow?" We couldn't find the Hotel Algon-

We haven't a single associate of we were to emigrate. our own generation whom we yearn to

printing. fact that he charged our account with ankles and we'd topple off on our eat. \$125 for proof corrections doesn't en- And we're getting along toward that

courage us to enlarge our circle of ac- age when falls hurt. quaintances in that direction. We've never read "Jurgen."

we deplore moderately. There are That sounds grand and defiant edness—we are almost inclined to feriority. We are not qualified for It is our conviction that Kipling is

We are too hopelessly clod tied ever | We'd rather read George Barr Mc-

TE ARE going to write about to aspire to membership with the Cutcheon than Sherwood Anderson, and Booth Tarkington than either. We consider "Ulysses," written by

some one whose name we can't rememcepted the words of others until they ber, 70 per cent chaos and 30 per cent

We think that "Polyanna" is guite as true and fine a picture of life as are the works of Ben Hecht. But then, we've never been in Chicago.

We think that 30 per cent of the authors, 40 per cent of the critics and 97 per cent of the writers of free no one has the nerve to call them and demand: "Wotinel are you talking

We don't know Neysa McMein. We about and wotinel do you know about We think that the population of the

These, among other things we could press-agent. Our son, being a year continue this self-revelation indefiniteyounger than the offspring of Hey- ly-are reasons why we aren't going wood Broun, hasn't a Chinaman's to make even an attempt to mount chance of originating anything worth the pedestal of erudition. By the time we'd settled ourself comfortably upon We know only one publisher, and the it some one would clutch us by the

We are going to write about books as we mentioned before. Not with any All these omissions in our education hysterical enthusiasm, for among the more respectable things we'd rather others of which-such is our benight- do than read are: Fish, play poker, and watch football games, prizefights and the motion pictures of D. W.

Griffith. We are probably the J. Throckmorton Cush of literary criticism.

indulged in so many fantastic exhibi

# Lloyd George in a Bunker

electors.

Lloyd George and their various henchthat although the policies given out by disregard for other people's safety. men are read and considered, and apart both are substantially the same the never by any chance replacing the turi: from the occasional relapses into methods of carrying out these wasting huge sums of money in erect-Limehouse by the brilliant little policies are widely different and are ing fences around the course, in con-Welshman, there is a deadening h k at the bottom of the upheaval; and pensation of claims for wounds and in of anything sensational enough to compete with the current murder case, there is a growing tendency to believe that there was nothing to justify the ending of the Coalition. I see it stated this morning, for example, that "obviously the decision of the Conservatives was based upon no clear issue of vital principle, but was due to party pressure. The outs simply wanted to get all the way in."

This is a natural enough belief, and it is one that is shared by Mr. Lloyd George himself and Lord Birkenhead. his rather raucous cheer leader, both of whom are very sincerely and very greatly shocked and staggered at the sudder turn of events, which has shown them that there is a very large majority in England that does not consider them as omnipotent as they Birkenhead, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, all. have always considered themselves to be, holding office not so much because soon and others, for some years. In of the exigencies of war as by divine ances of the rival political leaders in

order that there should be no posright. "The net result of the utter- sibility of their ever being beaten they have taken advantage of the war, de-England thus far must be to deepen parted from all St. Andrews precedents by a foreign foe and Attorney General the sense of confusion on the part of and rearranged the clearly laid down Daugherty's dry law were enfor the electors," it is written. "They are principles of the game to suit themasked to decide between two sides selves, by keeping a competing team worry. All the enemy ships would which seemed a selves. asked to decide between two sides selves, by keeping a compsting team worry. All the enemy ships would which scarcely differ."

Looking at the affair superficially commandeering the course they have at the three-mile limit.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, Sir Philip Sas-

tions and introduced so many illegitimate clubs-putting, for instance, with croquet mallets and using spades to this would seem to be a correct deduc- get them out of bunkers, to say noth-Sir: As the days go by and the tion, but if a microscope is brought to ing of slicing and pulling their drives declarations of Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. bear upon the difference between the into the back yards of other countries, upon this point I think it will be making themselves extremely comproved by the result of the forthcom- fortable in the clubhouse—that, at last, ing general election there is absolute- the outraged spectators have kicked ly no confusion in the minds of the and now demand that the course shall be thrown open to a new and more Let me endeavor to explain, if I may, honorable team, made up of men who my contention by switching the argu- not only know the game but will play ment from politics to golf. They are it against a competing team accordboth the great popular games of the ing to the very definite rules.

day, though the latter is played at a man's own expense, while the ever in Scotch-Canadian with a proved record creasing expenses of the former are and a series of good cards, to put up paid out of the pockets of the tax- a sound, safe game, driving straight, payer-not infrequently also by the approaching neatly and stuffing down astonished and impotent taxpayer of his putts with a legitimate club. We countries other than the one in which are, in fact, fed up with all spectacular the game is played on its national effects and queer gymnastics that do not belong to the royal and ancie Mr. Lloyd George has been the cap- We prefer, in short, the Scott tain of a team consisting of Lord methods to these of the Welsh. That COSMO HAMILTON. New York, Oct. 27, 1922.

A Protective Measure (From The Chicago Daily News)
If this country were ever attacks